

Involvement of youths in agriculture sector

4041. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that very less people are interested in agriculture sector, specially youths;

(b) whether Government has any record of youths involved in the agriculture sector; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to motivate youths towards agriculture sector so as to provide an alternate employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) and (b) No such information is available in the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC).

(c) Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centers have been established by the Government since 2002 for creating gainful self-employment opportunities to unemployed agricultural graduates, agri-diploma holders etc. supporting agriculture development and supplementing the efforts of public extension as well. The scope of the scheme has been expanded so as to harness the potential of rural unemployed youth to start agri-enterprises in rural areas for serving farming community

National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM), Jaipur under the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation offers two-year Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Agri-business Management (PGDABM), which equip the youth with unique skills required for a career in Agri-business.

Besides, through various Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State Plan Scheme of the Ministry, the efforts of State Governments are supplemented to make agri-sector an attractive vocation so that youth are not tempted to leave agriculture.

Subsidy in organic farming

4042. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to promote organic farming;

(b) if so, the list of various schemes to promote organic farming in the country;

(c) whether Government provides subsidy in organic farming sector; and

(d) if so, the details of subsidy provided, State-wise and product-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) and (b) The Government is already promoting Organic farming through various schemes like National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH), National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility (NPMSHF) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

(c) Under National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF), financial assistance is provided as back ended subsidy through NABARD for setting up/strengthening of existing Bio-fertilizer and/or Bio-pesticide Production Units, assistance upto @ 25% of total financial outlay or Rs. 40.00 lakh, whichever is less; and for setting up of Fruit and Vegetables Wastes/Agro-Wastes Compost Production Units @ 33% of total financial outlay or Rs. 60.00 lakh, whichever is less; National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) provide financial assistance for adoption of organic farming @ Rs. 10,000/- per hectare for maximum area of 4 hectare per beneficiary, for setting up of vermi-compost units @ 50% of the cost, subject to a maximum of Rs. 30,000/- per beneficiary, and for organic farming certification @ Rs. 5.00 lakh for a group of farmers covering an area of 50 hectares; National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility (NPMSHF), financial assistance is provided @ Rs. 500 per hectares for promoting use of organic manures; Assistance for promotion of organic farming on different components are also available under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for projects formulated and approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee.

(d) Details of subsidy provided through various schemes are given in Statement-I to V.

Statement-I

State-wise details of subsidy approved under Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme (CISS) of NPOF through NABARD for Organic Input Production (Bio-fertilizers Production Units and Fruits and Vegetable Compost Units)

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Amount of subsidy approved		
		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	19.90	40.00

1	2	3	4	5
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.	Assam	3.91	0.37	30.19
4.	Bihar	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	0.00	0.00	1.50
6.	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Gujarat	0.00	0.00	0.00
8.	Haryana	0.00	50.81	0.00
9.	Himachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	0.00	0.00	0.00
11.	Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.	Karnataka	7.58	119.07	0.00
13.	Kerala	33.65	0.00	0.00
14.	Madhya Pradesh	2.59	0.00	0.00
15.	Maharashtra	27.31	24.50	51.74
16.	Manipur	0.00	0.00	0.00
17.	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	0.00
18.	Mizoram	0.00	0.00	0.00
19.	Nagaland	0.00	0.00	0.00
20.	Odisha	0.00	0.00	0.00
21.	Punjab	99.22	37.71	26.57
22.	Rajasthan	111.22	22.50	0.00
23.	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	14.00	10.59	0.00
25.	Tripura	0.00	0.00	20.00

1	2	3	4	5
26.	Uttar Pradesh	12.00	2.04	1.15
27.	Uttarakhand	0.00	17.50	0.00
28.	West Bengal	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL:		311.48	304.99	171.15

Statement-II

State-wise details of financial assistance under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for promotion of Organic Farming

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	State	Year-wise financial assistance		
		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	204.00	282.77	378.25
2.	Bihar	169.83	0.00	6.38
3.	Chhattisgarh	901.00	1007.25	1462.72
4.	Delhi	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.	Goa	5.10	0.51	2.55
6.	Gujarat	66.97	127.50	63.80
7.	Haryana	274.64	79.48	36.86
8.	Jharkhand	25.50	17.47	63.75
9.	Karnataka	752.25	325.47	237.15
10.	Kerala	0.00	278.80	140.25
11.	Madhya Pradesh	488.75	64.18	0.00
12.	Maharashtra	1.28	162.35	0.00

1	2	3	4	5
13.	Odisha	89.25	0.00	76.50
14.	Punjab	637.50	35.28	67.36
15.	Rajasthan	105.23	63.76	48.88
16.	Tamil Nadu	23.71	12.75	21.25
17.	Uttar Pradesh	152.24	78.63	73.10
18.	West Bengal	0.00	77.02	0.00
TOTAL:		3897.25	2613.22	2678.80

Statement-III

Financial assistance provided for promotion of Organic Farming under Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH)

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	State	Financial assistance provided		
		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	131.00	25.80	123.48
2.	Assam	173.10	28.60	35.60
3.	Manipur	78.00	51.30	110.00
4.	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.	Mizoram	126.20	152.00	16.50
6.	Nagaland	190.00	81.50	123.00
7.	Sikkim	315.25	332.48	492.50
8.	Tripura	141.00	130.40	79.40
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	61.50	67.25	117.10

1	2	3	4	5
10.	Himachal Pradesh	107.00	216.28	398.21
11.	Uttarakhand	84.31	201.00	53.60
TOTAL:		1407.36	1286.61	1549.39

Statement-IV

Statement indicating year-wise fund sanctioned under promotion of Organic Manure and Field Demonstrations under the scheme National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility (NPMSH&F)

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	State	Year-wise expenditure		
		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
1.	Andhra Pradesh	56.20	0.00	114.40
2.	Bihar	60.00	0.00	0.00
3.	Himachal Pradesh	23.00	0.00	0.00
4.	Jharkhand	10.80	0.00	0.00
5.	Karnataka	76.50	0.00	0.00
6.	Kerala	65.10	0.00	0.00
7.	Manipur	50.00	0.00	0.00
8.	Tripura	55.00	0.00	0.00
9.	Haryana	0.00	6.00	0.00
10.	Chhattisgarh	0.00	0.80	0.00
11.	Gujarat	0.00	0.00	35.00
12.	Fert Cos.	2.60	5.00	0.00
TOTAL:		399.20	11.80	149.40

Note: The Scheme became operational w.e.f. November, 2008.

Statement-V

*State-wise details of assistance for Promotion of Organic Farming
given under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)*

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Amount of assistance approved		
		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12.00	71.00	0.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	5.00	0.00	0.00
3.	Assam	0.00	450.00	900.00
4.	Bihar	0.00	3264.00	10105.00
5.	Chhattisgarh	230.00	1200.00	0.00
6.	Goa	0.00	0.00	18.00
7.	Gujarat	197.00	280.00	10816.00
8.	Haryana	155.00	0.00	151.00
9.	Himachal Pradesh	330.00	1163.00	1005.00
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	87.00	331.00	79.00
11.	Jharkhand	0.00	90.00	158.00
12.	Karnataka	0.00	50.00	2800.00
13.	Kerala	2.00	0.00	123.00
14.	Madhya Pradesh	380.00	1126.00	440.00
15.	Maharashtra	0.00	0.00	0.00
16.	Manipur	0.00	35.00	282.00
17.	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	0.00

1	2	3	4	5
18.	Mizoram	0.00	0.00	0.00
19.	Nagaland	0.00	104.00	150.00
20.	Odisha	442.00	1115.00	0.00
21.	Punjab	0.00	1350.00	0.00
22.	Rajasthan	2235.00	675.00	367.00
23.	Sikkim	196.00	0.00	250.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.00	0.00
25.	Tripura	40.00	115.00	0.00
26.	Uttar Pradesh	398.00	1537.00	1656.00
27.	Uttarakhand	1151.00	0.00	1331.00
28.	West Bengal	56.00	35.00	0.00
TOTAL:		5916.00	12991.00	30631.00

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Drought in Andhra Pradesh

4043. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a Central Team has visited Andhra Pradesh to assess the damage caused due to drought in the State;

(b) if so, whether the Team has submitted its Report;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Team; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken on the recommendations of the Team?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) to (d) During Kharif-2012, Government of Andhra Pradesh has declared drought in 234 mandals spread over 9 districts of the State.